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To the Chairman and Members of the Ashby Woulds Urban District Council:—

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1952.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has decreased slightly from 3,389 in 1951 to 3,304 in 1952.

The birth rate (17.3) is higher than last year (15.0) and higher than that for England and Wales (15.3)

The death rate (8.5) is again one of the lowest on record and lower than last year (8.9) and lower than that for England and Wales (11.3)

The chief causes of death were in diseases associated with elderly people.

It will be noted that water supply has been intermittent, pending augmented supply to this district from Derwent Valley Scheme now under construction.

Practically all the district has efficient sewage disposal. During the year extension of sewer for 34 houses at Norris Hill Housing Scheme No.3 has been completed. Four houses were completed during the year making a total of 184 houses completed in the post war period. The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 394, and the number of applications received during the year was 55. The housing of the people still remains the greatest problem before your Council.

The District is seriously affected by mining subsidence which is causing damage to numerous properties, roads, sewers and water mains.

Fifty-one cases of Infectious disease were notified of which 47 were Measles, and I am pleased to report for the sixth year in succession no case of Diphtheria has been notified. There has again been a slight increase in the number of children receiving immunisation, but if this figure is not increased we shall have a dangerously high percentage of the school population unprotected against diphtheria. I am also pleased to report that no new case of Tuberculosis was notified, and there were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year.

I should like to thank the staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council for their help and co-operation. I wish to express my thanks to Mr. P. C. Woodhall, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, in his last year for his invaluable assistance which has always been willingly given, and wish him good health in his retirement. I would also like to take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. G. O. March, A.R.S.I, M.S.I A., his successor.

Finally I wish to thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. McM. W. SEGERDAL,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	...	...	...	...	...	2,399 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	3,304
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1951	...	...	...	...	...	1,037
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£17,930
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£68
Comparability factor	...	...	...	Deaths	...	1.14
				Births	...	1.08

The chief industries of the District are: Engineering, Agriculture, Coalmining, Earthenware and Brickmaking. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the District. The District being on the Leics.-Derbys Coalfield is seriously affected by mining subsidence which is causing damage to numerous properties, roads, sewers and water mains.

There are three recreation grounds with an acreage of $12\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the Urban District.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	25	31	56
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	—	—	—
Total	25	32	57

Birth Rate—17.3 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Birth Rate—15.3 per 1,000 population.

	Male	Female	Total
Still Births—Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	—	—	—
Total	0	0	0

Still Birth Rate—0 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Still Birth Rate—0.35 per 1,000 population

Deaths.

Male	Female	Total
15	13	28

Death Rate per 1,000 population 8.5.

England and Wales Death Rate —11.3 per 1,000 population.

Causes of Death during 1952.

	Male	Female	Total
Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	0	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	0	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	3	6
Coronary disease, angina	1	1	2
Other heart diseases	2	4	6
Pneumonia	0	1	1
Bronchitis	2	0	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	0	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	1	0	1
Suicide	0	1	1
Total	15	13	28

Death Rate from total maternal causes per 1,000 births (Live and Still)—0.

Ditto England and Wales—0·72.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births - 16·6.

Ditto England and Wales—27·6.

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age : —

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1

Chief causes of Death during 1952.

Vascular lesions of nervous system 6, Heart disease, 8.
Malignant neoplasm (Cancer), 5

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

HOSPITALS.

All hospitals except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. The County Homes for the aged and infirm are under the auspices of the County Council. When the residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every second and fourth Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. Tuberculosis and Ante-natal clinics are held at Bridge Road, Coalville, the former being under the Regional Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

All district Nursing and midwifery is under the County Council.

HEALTH VISITING.

This work is provided by the County Council, and is very ably carried out in the area. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Public Health Laboratory at Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The District is supplied by the Swadlincote and Ashby's Joint Water Board from the Milton Reservoir except for a few outlying properties which obtain their water from wells.

Additional bulk supply of water is obtained from the Swadlincote Urban District Council. The quality of the piped water supply is good but hard.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

An extension of the Main Sewer on Norris Hill Housing Estate was carried out for 34 houses in Coronation Avenue.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total Number in District on December 31st.

Privies ... 8 Pail Closets ... 24 W.C.'s ... 1,005.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House Refuse is collected weekly by the Council's workmen with covered lorry and conveyed to suitable tips where it is deposited in layers and covered with soil.

Earth Closets, Privies, Ashpits and Cesspools are emptied at frequent intervals by the Council's workmen. The contents of Cesspools and Nightsoil is carted to the Sewage Disposal Works.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Total Number of Complaints received 27

Total Number of Defects and Nuisances discovered 27

Inspections Made.

	First Inspections	Revisits
Bakehouses	8	0
Drainage Works	184	0
Dwelling Houses	417	0
Food Premises	12	0
Rats and Mice Destruction	4	0
Refuse Collection and Disposal	472	0
Schools	16	0
Shops	36	0
Water Supply	1,973	0
Other Inspections	64	0

NOTICES.

	Housing	Others
Issued during year	3	2
Compiled with during year	3	2

SECTION D.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD, MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

All slaughtering is done at Regional Slaughter House, Coalville.

Meat Shops.	No. of inspections	...	8
Places where food, other than meat, is prepared.	No. of inspections	...	41

ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered :—

(a) Manufacture and Retail	...	...	...	Nil
(b) Manufacture only	...	...	...	Nil
(c) Retail only	...	...	...	2

The model Bye-laws Series I (Ministry of Food) were adopted 1st August, 1950.

MILK

The following are the details of samples of milk taken in the district during 1952 for biological examination :—

7 Samples taken	—	6 Samples satisfactory
		1 Sample positive Myco Tuberculosis.

SECTION E.

HOUSING.

(a) New Houses.

Total number of Applicants for Council Houses at end of Year	...	...	...	...	...	394
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Houses erected and occupied during the year	...	4
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Inspection of Dwelling Houses during Year.

(1)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defects	..	...	...	46
(2)	Number of inspection made for the purpose ...				92
(3)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding heading) found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for human habitation	...	...	...	27
	Remedy of defects during the year without Formal Notices.				

Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	...	...	...	...	27
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Total number of occupied houses in district	..	...	1,037
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SECTION F.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
during 1952.

Disease	Final numbers after correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Whooping Cough	2	0	0
Measles	47	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	2	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Total	52	0	1

ANALYSIS UNDER AGE GROUPS ACCORDING TO REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN 118d.

Age Groups	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever
Under 1	1	0	0
1—2	0	5	0
3—4	1	4	0
5—9	0	36	1
10—14	0	2	1
15—24	0	0	0
25 and over	0	0	0
Age unknown	0	0	0
Total	2	47	2

Age Groups	Erysipelas
Under 5	0
5—14	0
15—44	0
45—64	1
65 & Over	0
	1

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Number of children who were immunised during
the period 1st January to 31st December, 1952.

Age at 31.12.52 i.e., Born in Year	Under 1952	1 1951	2 1950	3 1949	4 1948	5 1947	6 1946	7 1945	8 1944	9 1943	10 1942	11 1941
Primary Immunisation	2	22	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Booster Dose	0	0	0	0	2	11	1	2	0	0	0	0

Statement of particulars appearing in
the Tuberculosis Register for the year
ending 31st December, 1952.

	MALES		FEMALES		Total
	Pulmon- ary	Non- Pulmon- ary	Pulmon- ary	Non- Pulmon- ary	
Number of Cases on Register at Commencement of year ...	1	5	4	3	13
Number of Cases notified for the first time during the year	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Cases added to Register other than by formal notification	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Cases restored to Register	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Cases removed from the Register during the year	0	1	1	1	3
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of year	1	4	3	2	10

CAUSES OF REMOVAL.

	MALES		FEMALES		Total
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	
Cured	0	0	0	1	1
Left County	0	1	1	0	2
Total	0	1	1	1	3

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

Resumé of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1952, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.)

	Number on Register	Inspection	Written Notices
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	14	15	1

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of Cures in which defects were found	
	Found	Remedied
Sanitary conveniences		
(c) Not for separate sexes	1	1
Total	1	1

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Section 110.

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August last required by Section 110 (1) (c) (3)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	Nil.

